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REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, and 14 have been found to be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the subject matter of Claim 4. Claim 5 has been re-written in independent form. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-10, 12-15 has been amended to be dependent from or eventually dependent from Claim 5. Claims 1, 8 and 23 have been amended to correct informalities. Further, Claims 1, 2, and 15 have been amended as the Examiner suggested to clarify the claimed invention. Support for the amendments is presented in the claims as previously presented, for example. Thus, no new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and following remarks.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-15 have been objected to because of the informalities. A recitation “ration” in Claim 1 has been replaced with “ratio”. A recitation “amound” has been replaced with “amount”. A recitation “ γ -glicidoxypropyl-trimethoxy silane or γ -glicidoxypropyl-methylidethoxy silane” has been replaced with “ γ -gliyidoxypropyl-trimethoxy silane or γ -gliyidoxypropyl-methyldiethoxy silane”. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

Claims 1-6, 8-10, and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as being indefinite. A recitation “additive components” in Claim 1 has been found to be unclear. The recitation has been replaced with “an adherence imparting agent”, and further, a recitation “the ratio of the number of molecules” has been replaced with “terms of mole ratio”, in order to clarify the claimed invention..

A recitation “...the adherence imparting agent to improve the adherence between the resin and a metal surface forming junction.” in Claim 2 has been found to be unclear. The recitation has been re-written to “...the adherence imparting agent to improve the adherence between the resin and a metal surface, which is used to form junction.” Also, two trade marks in

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Claim 15 have been deleted. Thus, all unclear recitations have been replaced or re-written. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Okubo et al. in view of Date et al, in view of Yamaguchi et al. Claim 4, which has been found to be allowable if re-written in independent form, has been incorporated into Claim 1 which the claim depends upon. Thus, Claim 1, as amended herein could not be rejected on this ground.

Claim 5, which has been found to be allowable if re-written in independent form, has been re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, and Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 15 have been amended to be dependent from Claim 5. Therefore, Claims 3, 6, 9, 10, 12, and 15 could not be rejected on this ground. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 2, 8, and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over Okubo et al. in view of Date et al, in further view of Yamaguchi et al. and in further view of Giroux et al. Claim 2, as amended herein, is dependent from Claim 5, and Claims 8 and 13 are dependent from Claim 2. Thus, Claims 2, 8, and 13 could not be rejected on this ground. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

In the light of the applicant's amendments to the claims and the foregoing Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersign at the telephone number appearing below.

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No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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